

Therefore most gracious Duke with thy command,
Let him be brought forth, and borne hence for helpe.

Duke. Long since thy husband seru'd me in my wars
And I to thee ingag'd a Princes word,
When thou didst make him Master of thy bed,
To do him all the grace and good I could.
Go some of you, knocke at the Abbey gate,
And bid the Lady Abbess come to me:
I will determine this before I stirre.

Enter a Messenger.

Oh Mistris, Mistris, shift and saue your selfe,
My Master and his man are both broke loose,
Beaten the Maids a-row, and bound the Doctor,
Whose beard they haue findg'd off with brands of fire,
And euer as it blaz'd, they threw on him
Great pailles of puddled myre to quench the haire;
My M^r preaches patience to him, and the while
His man with Cizers nicks him like a foole:
And sure (vntesse you send some present helpe)
Betweene them they will kill the Coniurer.

Adr. Peace foole, thy Master and his man are here,
And that is false thou dost report to vs.

Mess. Mistris, vpon my life I tel you true,
I haue not breath'd almost since I did see it.
He cries for you, and vowes if he can take you,
To scorch your face, and to disfigure you:

Cry within.

Harke, harke, I heare him Mistris: flie, be gone.

Duke. Come stand by me, feare nothing: guard with
Halberds.

Adr. Ay me, it is my husband: witnesse you,
That he is borne about inuifible,
Euen now we hous'd him in the Abbey heere.
And now he's there, past thought of humane reason.

Enter Antipholus, and E. Dromio of Ephesus.

E. Ant. Iustice most gracious Duke, oh grant me iu-
Euen for the seruice that long since I did thee,
When I bestrid thee in the warres, and tooke
Deepe scarres to saue thy life; euen for the blood
That then I lost for thee, now grant me iustice.

Mar. Fat. Vntesse the feare of death doth make me
dote, I see my sonne Antipholus and Dromio.

E. Ant. Iustice (sweet Prince) against y^e Woman there:
She whom thou gau'st to me to be my wife;
That hath abused and dishonored me,
Euen in the strength and height of iniurie:
Beyond imagination is the wrong
That she this day hath shamelesse throwne on me.

Duke. Discover how, and thou shalt finde me iust.
E. Ant. This day (great Duke) she shut the doores
vpon me,

While she with Harlots feasted in my house.

Duke. A greuous fault: say woman, didst thou so?

Adr. No my good Lord. My selfe, he, and my sister,
To day did dine together: so befall my soule,
As this is false he burthens me withall.

Luc. Nere may I looke on day, nor sleepe on night,
But she tels to your Highnesse simple truth.

Gold. O perjur'd woman! They are both forsworne,
In this the Madman iustly chargeth them.

E. Ant. My Liege, I am aduised what I say,
Neither disturbed with the effect of Wine,
Nor headie-rash prouok'd with raging ire,
Albeit my wrongs might make one wiser mad,

This woman lock'd me out this day from dinner;
That Goldsmith there, were he not pack'd with her,
Could witnesse it: for he was with me then,
Who parted with me to go fetch a Chaine,
Promising to bring it to the Porpentine,
Where Balisfar and I did dine together.
Our dinner done, and he not coming thither,
I went to seeke him. In the street I met him,
And in his companie that Gentleman.

There did this periur'd Goldsmith sweare me downe,
That I this day of him receiu'd the Chaine,
Which God he knowes, I saw not. For the which,
He did arrest me with an Officer.

I did obey, and sent my Pefant home
For certaine Duckets: he with none return'd.

Then fairely I bespoke the Officer
To go in person with me to my house.

By th' way, we met my wife, her sister, and a rabble more
Of wilde Confederates: Along with them
They brought one Pinch, a hungry leane-fac'd Villaine;

A meere Anatomie, a Mountebanke,
A thred-bare lugler, and a Fortune-teller,

A needy-hollow-ey'd-sharpe-looking-wretch;
A liuing dead man. This pernicious slaue,

Forsooth tooke on him as a Coniurer:
And gazing in mine eyes, feeling my pulse,

And with no-face (as 'twere) out-facing me,
Cries out, I was posselt. Then altogether

They fell vpon me, bound me, bore me thence,
And in a darke and dankish vault at home

There left me and my man, both bound together,
Till gnawing with my teeth my bonds in sunder,

I gain'd my freedome; and immediately
Ran hether to your Grace, whom I beseech

To giue me ample satisfaction
For these deepe shames, and great indignities.

Gold. My Lord, in truth, thus far I witnesse with him:
That he din'd not at home, but was lock'd out.

Duke. But had he such a Chaine of thee, or no?

Gold. He had my Lord, and when he ran in heere,
These people saw the Chaine about his necke.

Mar. Besides, I will be sworn these eares of mine,
Heard you confesse you had the Chaine of him,

After you first forswore it on the Mart,
And thereupon I drew my sword on you:

And then you fled into this Abbey heere,
From whence I thinke you are come by Miracle.

E. Ant. I neuer came within these Abbey wals,
Nor euer didst thou draw thy sword on me:

I neuer saw the Chaine, so helpe me heaven:
And this is false you burthen me withall.

Duke. Why what an intricate impeach is this?
I thinke you all haue drunke of Circe's cup:

If heere you hous'd him, heere he would haue bin,
If he were mad, he would not pleade so coldly:

You say he din'd at home, the Goldsmith heere
Denies that saying. Sirra, what say you?

E. Dro. Sir he din'de with her there, at the Porpen-
tine.

Cur. He did, and from my finger snatcht that Ring.
E. Ant. Tis true (my Liege) this Ring I had of her.

Duke. Saw'st thou him enter at the Abbey heere?

Cur. As sure (my Liege) as I do see your Grace.

Duke. Why this is strange: Go call the Abbess hither.
I thinke you are all mated, or starke mad.

Exit

Exit one to the Abbess.

Fa. Most mighty Duke, vouchsafe me speak a word:
Haply I see a friend will saue my life,
And pay the sum that may deliuer me.

Duke. Speake freely Sirachusan what thou wilt.
Fath. Is not your name sir call'd Antipholus?

And is not that your bondman Dromio?

E. Dro. Within this houre I was his bondman sir,
But he I thanke him gnaw'd in two my cords,

Now am I Dromio, and his man, vnbound.

Fath. I am sure you both of you remember me.
Dro. Our felues we do remember sir by you:

For lately we were bound as you are now.
You are not Pinches patient, are you sir?

Father. Why looke you strange on me? you know
me well.

E. Ant. I neuer saw you in my life till now.
Fa. Oh! griefe hath chang'd me since you saw me last,

And carefull houres with times deformed hand,
Haue written strange defeatures in my face:

But tell me yet, dost thou not know my voice?

Ant. Neither.
Fath. Dromio, nor thou?

Dro. No trust me sir, nor I.
Fa. I am sure thou dost?

E. Dromio. I sir, but I am sure I do not, and whatso-
euer a man denies, you are now bound to beleue him.

Fath. Not know my voice, oh times e tremity
Hast thou so crack'd and splitted my poore tongue

In seuen short yeares, that heere my onely sonne
Knowes not my feeble key of vntun'd cares?

Though now this grained face of mine be hid
In sap-consuming Winters drizled snow,

And all the Conduits of my blood froze vp:
Yet hath my night of life some memorie left;

My dull deafe eares a little vse to heare:
All these old witnesse, I cannot erre.

Tell me, thou art my sonne Antipholus.
Ant. I neuer saw my Father in my life.

Fa. But seuen yeares since, in Sirachusa boy
Thou know'st we parted, but perhaps my sonne,

Thou sham'st to acknowledge me in miserie.
Ant. The Duke, and all that know me in the City,

Can witnesse with me that it is not so.
I ne're saw Sirachusa in my life.

Duke. I tell thee Sirachusan, twentie yeares
Haue I bin Patron to Antipholus,

During which time, he ne're saw Sirachusa:
I see thy age and dangers make thee dote.

*Enter the Abbess with Antipholus Sirachusa,
and Dromio Sir.*

Abbess. Most mightie Duke, behold a man much
wrong'd.

All gather to see them.

Adr. I see two husbands, or mine eyes deceiue me.
Duke. One of these men is gentill to the other:

And so of these, which is the naturall man,
And which the spirit? Who deciphereth them?

S. Dromio. I Sir am Dromio, command him away.
E. Dro. I Sir am Dromio, pray let me stay.

S. Ant. Egeon art thou not? or else his ghost.

S. Drom. Oh my olde Master, who hath bound him
heere?

Abb. Who euer bound him, I will lose his bonds,
And gaine a husband by his libertie:

Speake olde Egeon, if thou bee'st the man
That hadst a wife once call'd Emilia,

That bore thee at a burthen two faire sonnes?
Oh if thou bee'st the same Egeon, speake:

And speake vnto the same Emilia.

Duke. Why heere begins his Morning storieright:
These two Antipholus, these two so like,

And these two Dromio's, one in semblance:
Besides her vrging of her wracke at sea,

These are the parents to these children,
Which accidentally are met together.

Fa. If I dreame not, thou art Emilia,
If thou art she, tell me, where is that sonne

That floated with thee on the fatall raste.
Abb. By men of Epidaurum, he, and I,

And the twin Dromio, all were taken vp;
But by and by, rude Fishermen of Corinth

By force tooke Dromio, and my sonne from them,
And me they left with those of Epidaurum.

What then became of them, I cannot tell:
I, to this fortune that you see mee in.

Duke. Antipholus thou cam'st from Corinth first.
S. Ant. No sir, not I, I came from Sirachusa.

Duke. Stay, stand apart, I know not which is which.
E. Ant. I came from Corinth my most gracious Lord

E. Dro. And I with him.
E. Ant. Brought to this Town by that most famous

Warriour,
Duke Menaphos, your most renowned Vnckle.

Adr. Which of you two did dine with me to day?
S. Ant. I, gentle Mistris.

Adr. And are not you my husband?
E. Ant. No, I say nay to that.

S. Ant. And so do I, yet did she call me so:
And this faire Gentlewoman her sister heere

Did call me brother. What I told you then,
I hope I shall haue leisure to make good,

If this be not a dreame I see and heare.
Goldsmith. That is the Chaine sir, which you had of

mee.
S. Ant. I thinke it be sir, I denie it not.

E. Ant. And you sir for this Chaine arrested me,
Gold. I thinke I did sir, I deny it not.

Adr. I sent you monie sir to be your baile
By Dromio, but I thinke he brought it not.

E. Dro. No, none by me.
S. Ant. This purse of Duckets I receiu'd from you,

And Dromio my man did bring them me:
I see we still did meete each others man,

And I was tane for him, and he for me,
And thereupon these errors are arofe.

E. Ant. These Duckets pawne I for my father heere.
Duke. It shall not neede, thy father hath his life.

Cur. Sir I must haue that Diamond from you.
E. Ant. There take it, and much thanks for my good

cheere.
Abb. Renowned Duke, vouchsafe to take the paines

To go with vs into the Abbey heere,
And heare at large discoursed all our fortunes,

And all that are assembled in this place:
That by this sympathized one daies error

Haue suffer'd wrong. Go, keepe vs companie,
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